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**STOCKTON INTERNATIONAL MONEY TRANSMITTER
PLEADS GUILTY TO STRUCTURING**

**Owner of Cambodia Wire Express Made Over 3/4 Million
Dollars in Illegal Structured Cash Deposits**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge Roger L. Wirth announced today that RY PROK, 33, of Stockton, California, pleaded guilty this morning before U.S. District Judge Morrison C. England to four counts of structuring deposits into Wells Fargo Bank. Sentencing has been set before Judge England on July 26, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. where PROK faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and up to a \$500,000 fine for each count.

The case is the product of an extensive investigation undertaken by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division. According to IRS Special Agent in Charge Wirth, "We take it very seriously when people illegally structure currency in order to conceal the transactions. And we train our criminal investigators very well in following the money and putting these cases together for prosecution."

According to Assistant United States Attorneys S. Robert Tice-Raskin and Courtney J. Linn, who are prosecuting the case, under federal law, domestic financial institutions are generally required to prepare and submit Currency Transaction Reports (CTR's) to report large cash transactions involving over \$10,000 in currency or other monetary instruments every time they occur at the bank. These CTR rules apply to the deposit, withdrawal, exchange of currency or other payment or transfer, by, through, or to such financial institutions which involves a transaction in currency, bank checks, cashier's checks, money orders, and traveler's checks of more than \$10,000. It is a felony under federal law to structure or assist in structuring, or attempt to structure or assist in structuring, any cash transaction with a domestic financial institution with the intent to evade the CTR reporting requirement. Structuring occurs, for example, when a person breaks down a cash deposit into an amount below the \$10,000 reporting threshold to evade the CTR reporting requirement. Congress has provided enhanced penalties for individuals who repeatedly structure as part of a pattern exceeding \$100,000 in any twelve-month period.

As part of her plea, defendant PROK admitted that Cambodia Wire Express was an entity she controlled which engaged in the business of transmitting money from the United States abroad. As part of the business, defendant PROK maintained a bank account at a Wells Fargo Bank located in Stockton, California. According to bank records, as well as the corroborative testimony of bank tellers, between 1/7/03 and 11/9/04 defendant PROK made multiple cash deposits each above \$9,500 but under \$10,000 at the Wells Fargo bank branch, frequently on successive days, for an aggregate amount of \$829,186. Defendant PROK also admitted as part of her plea that during a twelve-month period between November 2003 and November 2004 she made multiple cash deposits in amounts just below the \$10,000 CTR threshold for an aggregate amount above \$100,000.

PROK was interviewed by law enforcement on 2/23/05. After advisement and waiver of her rights, she admitted that she was aware of the CTR requirement. Agents executed a search warrant at the residence/business location of defendant PROK in Stockton, California the same date. Among other things, agents seized documentation explaining the CTR requirement.

As part of her plea, PROK expressly admitted that she structured deposits on four days, 9/8/03, 9/9/03, 9/11/03, 9/15/03, each in an amount above \$9,500 and below \$10,000 for the purpose of evading the CTR requirement. Also as part of the plea, defendant agreed to forfeit over \$49,000 in structured funds.

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